

# LINE ITEM APPROVAL PROCESSING IN AN ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM AND METHOD

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 In an electronic purchasing system, a line item approval processing  
method and system. The line item approval system includes logic for approving  
a purchase requisition having a plurality of itemized goods and service and  
requiring approval by a plurality of authorized approvers on a line item by line  
item basis. In one embodiment of the present invention, an approval matrix  
10 defining identified authorized approver and conditions under which the  
authorized approvers must approve specified line items in a particular purchase  
requisition is generated by the line item approval system to enable approvers of  
the purchase requisition to monitor the status of the particular purchase  
requisition. The line item approval system allows a purchase order to be  
15 generated corresponding to a purchase requisition based on a partial approval of  
line items specified in a purchase requisition while some items are not approved.